



Alphistia against Oligarchy

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In the last few years, the rapid development of artificial intelligence is affecting all aspects of modern life. Most who work with computers and many others are very enthusiastic about AI, and even more excited about its potential. Elites in nearly every country favor it, both politically, economically, and socially. Some also propose the creation of new non-democratic societies using AI as an integral part of the desire for total control. Others though are not at all optimistic about AI, and condemn it as harmful and ultimately catastrophic. Project Alphistia is allied with the latter. Alphistia opposes these tools of oligarchs to destroy democracy and control our lives. Alphistia would exist to provide refuge from oligarchic control.

Of course so many techbros and nerds like an idea like AI...the internet made a new class of mutli-billionaires in three

decades. Almost all of them are male and white. AI opens up the possibilities for many more trillions of dollars in their pockets.

Even more tempting and attractive to many of them is the prospect of completing the power circle of control over humanity. The tech-bro oligarchs already control economic and corporate working conditions by and large, with enormous influence over almost every aspect of social life too. To complete the circle, their final goal is to add political life to their portfolio.

The concept of "Network States" has attracted many techbros. The primary "philosopher" of this movement is Curtis Yarvin, a minor software creator, subsidized and promoted by oligarchs Peter Thiel, Balaji Srinivasan, Marc Andreessen et al, and in a separate "galaxy", Elon Musk (he doesn't play well with others but is of the same ilk.)

The Network States ideology began with crowd-sourced online communities, gathering data and capital in order to begin creating parallel societies. The government of Honduras was paid to cede a small part of its territory to members of the Prospera project. Honduras is contractually obliged to provide Prospera sovereignty and autonomy, with economic exemptions from local taxation, labor laws, and social policies. A similar project is proposed in Greenland if trump steals that territory from Denmark. Groups affiliated with the trump regime and Netanyahu's government in Israel hope to make most of Gaza a Network-State, with plans to expel most of the Palestinians currently living in the ruins there, dumping them in Sinai.

Oligarchs also plan to establish autonomous territories inside the United States, with the ultimate goal to take over the country. They have lobbied the trump regime to hand over Federal Lands to establish "Freedom Cities" similar to Prospera project in Honduras. Other subgroups hope to buy small towns outright and establish Network State control. Musk is doing that in a town in Texas, other groups affiliated with Thiel have bought land to establish settlements in Northern California. Christian extremist groups are exploring setting up such a settlement in rural Tennessee, based on Old Testament norms such as the death penalty for homosexuals and female adulterers.

AI will create worldwide conditions of extreme job scarcity. Within the next decade it is predicted that hundreds of millions of jobs could be replaced by AI and/or robots. This includes a great many (if not the absolute majority) of professional jobs, ie the backbone of the middle class, and a great many working class jobs: distribution work (such as pickers at Amazon), truck-drivers, bus drivers, Uber drivers, customer service personnel, factory

workers, academic research, teaching jobs, many allied health related jobs, and on and on. Some of these jobs now held by humans, will still exist, but in very small numbers. And computer specialists who now are so busy INVENTING AI apps will still be needed to “supervise” AI, but only for a few.

The result will be an ENORMOUS number of unemployed people. Fantasists dream that AI will create such a surplus of goods and services that they will be given away for free. Everyone will be given a “basic income” for survival, and they can live their lives at leisure to pursue their hobbies. But social norms in a country like the US have never been based on giving away ANYTHING, especially not income.

Oligarchs are so eager to establish Network States to complete the circle of total control. They have already stated that under their ideal new model, there would be no need for constitutional government, no civil or any other real human rights, no regular elections at any level, labor unions, or any other sort of civil society. Everything would be decided by a self-appointed elite headed by a dictator and answerable only to him. After all, there is nothing about the structure of corporations that is democratic. It has created enormous amounts of goods and services for humanity, but more importantly, it has made trillions of dollars of profits for the non-elected elites who already control the economic system.

AI would create conditions of serfdom for the vast majority of humanity. In order to survive, these new serfs would have to ally themselves with the local “lords” in Network States, who would ration jobs to those deemed compliant. This will create “loyalty” of course. Those who wish to eat will do as they are told. Those who want to have a hint of a middle class life, will do anything they can to curry favor with their masters. It would be a neo-feudal system.

In the current world order, there are more or less 200 nation states. In symbolic form, some of them might continue to exist in a world dominated by Network States. Instead of 50 federal states in the USA, there might be 50 fiefdoms, each controlled by local corporate/political elites with a sub-dictator. At the head of the country would still be a President, appointed for life, but no Congress would exist, along with a fake justice system, and a cabinet of flunkies (the trump regime has implemented the latter already).

Elsewhere, the EU may be transformed by local oligarchic elites into nationalistic Network States, but “respecting” local language traditions and some cultural norms. Russia already has a set-up like this, with a dictator chosen in sham elections, and

with many different multicultural sub-entities called “republics”, but which are totally dominated by Moscow and Russian chauvinism.

Some smaller nation states of little interest to the oligarchs might survive outside this Network State system. For example Switzerland, which has always managed to remain independent. Or Norway, with its massive oil and gas resources. Others, most significantly China for example, could be powerful enough not to conform. The Chinese Communist Party could resist the pressure of the oligarchs’ network states and as a result create a counter “galaxy”, similar but with Chinese characteristics.

In the US, the oligarchs have shown great interest in courting the trump regime, seeking to use its tens of millions of MAGA supporters to wield power and influence. The goal is to use MAGA to elect more and more like minded officials, and achieve a permanent takeover of both the federal and local governments. As time passes, MAGA voters will be less and less necessary, as elections are eliminated. The loss of so many jobs due to AI will make pleasing the former middle-class and proles who had supported the trump regime superfluous. The Oligarchic elites will do as they wish.

Yarvin, Thiel and a minor propagandist named Patri Friedman have all strongly asserted that they want to destroy democracy, impose dictatorships, and abolish the idea of human rights. What they desire even more than lust for expanded profits is a new permanent fascism.

Friedman has stated that the only human right is the ultimate Right of Exit. It has two meanings for the oligarchs: they have the right to leave (or take over) the current political, economic, and social system, replacing it with a totalitarian system they control, and to extract any profits for themselves. Those who inhabit the new world order of Network States have the Right of Exit as well...their only right. If these people do not like where they live, they can exile themselves.

This is why non-Network States will need to exist: territories that continue to rely on work-based production of commodities and services, without universal AI, without oligarchic control of government, economic activity, and social norms. As already mentioned, Russia, China, a few democracies such as Switzerland, or Norway, some leftover remnants of the EU, or microstates such as The Vatican, San Marino, Monaco will likely survive. New microstates could come into being that ally themselves as autonomous dependencies or protectorates of surviving democracies...such as the Faroe Islands relies on today’s Denmark, or the overseas Departments of what is

currently France. They would be non-oligarchy controlled and not based on AI domination economically and socially.

Alphistia would be one of those small states, with its own small territory “under the radar” as it were. Alphistia would consist of those who under the oligarchic Network States refuse to remain in such unfree and demeaning conditions, and exercise their only human right: “the Right to Exit”.

There WILL be internal rebellion against Network States. Some of the proponents say any revolts though will easily be put down by AI robots or through traditional secret police methods, imprisonment or exile.

History has shown that such fascism always fails eventually. Hitlerite Fascism for example collapsed but at the cost of tens of millions dead from genocide and a World War. AI and Network States will likely be another example of enormous hubris by the most arrogant among us. The Oligarchs’ movement will end up in the landfill of history, just like much of its hardware and software and apps have ended up as piles of useless junk.